

AGENCY NEWSLETTER

October 2024



FOOD BANK OF NORTH ALABAMA

The Warehouse and Food Bank will be closed the following days in November:

Monday
November 11

Thursday
November 28

Friday
November 29

Monthly Reporting Link

This demographic report is essential for validating our food distribution efforts in North Alabama.

These reports are submitted to Feeding America and play a crucial role in advocacy efforts at both local and national levels, as well as in grant applications to support our agencies' capacity building.

This is a requirement for ALL agency partners, **even if you did not distribute that month.**

Submit for October by **CLICKING HERE!**

"Better Together."

More than just a memorable slogan; this phrase serves as a motivating call to action.

This month, we honor the positive impact we've achieved in North Alabama over the past year, made possible by our dedicated Agency Partners and Donors who have answered this call.

CELEBRATING 2023-2024 By the Numbers

FISCAL YEAR
END 2023

12,160,570
POUNDS DISTRIBUTED

10,133,808
MEALS DISTRIBUTED

The data we've gathered reveals impressive growth across all areas that impact distribution. This improvement is partly due to our new warehouse space, which enables us to say "yes" to more donation opportunities. However, without YOU, our agency partners, we wouldn't be able to distribute this volume of food to the community!



you did this!

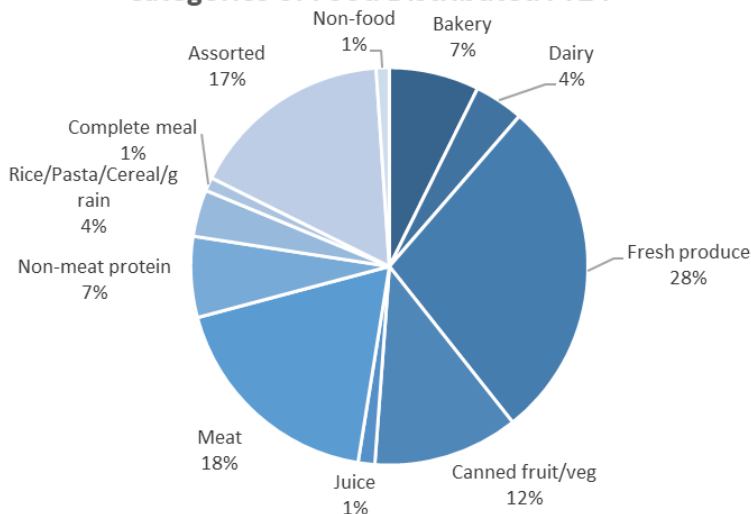
We eagerly anticipate another year of growth and progress in our mission to combat food inequity and insecurity in North Alabama!

FISCAL YEAR END 2024

15,186,190
POUNDS DISTRIBUTED

12,655,158
MEALS DISTRIBUTED

Categories of Food Distributed FY24



MOST DISTRIBUTED FOOD CATEGORY:

4,249,954
POUNDS OF FRESH PRODUCE

With the support of our store partners and local farmers, we can now deliver more FRESH produce to our neighbors than ever before!

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RETAIL/WHOLESALE DONATIONS

6,284,242

POUNDS RECEIVED

TOP 3 STORE DONATION PARTNERS:

1. Publix
2. Walmart
3. Sam's Club

Star Market

LOCAL HERO

STORE PARTNER



our groups are so insync....

TOP DISTRIBUTION MONTH:

1,640,657

POUNDS DISTRIBUTED IN

it's gotta be MAY

Locally owned and operated, Star Market has been a staple in North Alabama since 1944.

You can visit their locations in both Five Points Huntsville and Meridianville!

[Click here to discover more!](#)

POUNDS PROVIDED BY

4,866,154

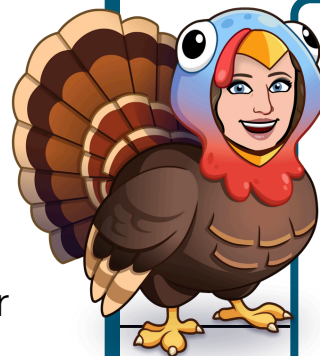
THE FEDERAL USDA PROGRAM

go usda!

In addition to the consistency USDA offers for product availability, approved USDA Agencies enjoy exclusive benefits available only to program participants, grant opportunities, and more!

Agency Partners are eligible to apply to the USDA program after months of successful partnership.

Email our Agency Relations team to find out if USDA is right for your agency!



USDA ONBOARDED AGENCIES

55

THAT WAS 88,475 LBS AVAILABLE PER AGENCY!

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

holiday card artwork

Our development team aims to add a creative flair to our holiday donor thank you notes this year by showcasing the artwork of our young friends in the community! We have coloring sheets available for you to print and have completed by children in your life or your organizations.

We kindly ask you to return completed artwork by **mail** or **drop off** in our office. **Deadline for artwork submission is December 13th!**



*** Please do not email completed artwork back to us as we will be unable to use scanned submissions.*



Questions? email Abbey:
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partner advisory council

An update regarding our new Advisory Council! Members are asked to commit to a one-year term rather than two.

We are still accepting applications!

Meetings will begin in 2025.

[PAC APPLICATION LINK](#)

food safety training

Feeding America mandates that all Partner Agencies undergo a specific level of food safety training tailored to their operations.

It is essential for all Agencies to ensure that at least one individual responsible for food procurement has completed the Food Safety for Food Banking Class and pass a 30-question test to obtain their certification. If you have already undergone the food safety class at Hunger Summit, please use the link below to take your test.

[TAKE THE FOOD SAFETY FOR FOOD BANKING TEST HERE.](#)

pickup-appointments

As the Food Bank expands its network of agency partners, the demand for warehouse pickup appointments has increased. **Our Huntsville location is currently booked out for at least 3-4 weeks at all times.**

To ensure you receive food when needed, please make sure to schedule your appointments well in advance, as we are unable to accommodate last-minute requests at this time.

Agencies that would like an appointment sooner than available can reach out via phone or email to be added to our waitlist in case of any cancellations.